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**From:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 10:42:03 PM  
**Subject:** Template for R9 GKM Update  
R9 GKM Response Update 8-8-15.docx

Put the info Harry sent into a more standard form, will work on a "template" with sections we can fill for future updates.....feel free to edit and change the form.....

Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kao, Jessica  
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:30 PM  
To: Allen, HarryL  
Cc: Zito, Kelly; Higuchi, Dean; Manzanilla, Enrique; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Keener, Bill; Nattis, Randy; Tenley, Clancy; Hubbard, Secody; Yogi, David  
Subject: Re: List of R9 actions?

If feasible, it would be good to have this daily update before the daily 1:00 OA-lead call. In the daily update, please clearly denote (such as w highlight) what info is for internal consumption only and for how long, and remove the denotation when the info is OK to share outside EPA.

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> On Aug 8, 2015, at 2:55 PM, Allen, HarryL <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov> wrote:

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> That's fine.

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Aug 8, 2015, at 2:40 PM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV> wrote:

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>> Great - Can we keep updating this as our "go to" document for any external calls as we get more info? Maybe we can call it something consistent - 'Region 9 GKM Update'...? And should we shoot for updating it once a day at a specific time? I'd leave it to Enrique/Harry/Rusty to assess what seems best, but fresh info would be good to have for the daily 1 pm HQ call.

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>> Thanks-

>> Kelly

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>>> On Aug 8, 2015, at 1:42 PM, "Higuchi, Dean" <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov> wrote:

>>>  
>>> Harry,  
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>>> Can this be read to the press? For Region 8's press call?  
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>>> Thanks!  
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>>> Dean Higuchi  
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>>> Hawaii Office higuchi.dean@epa.gov  
>>> 808-541-2711  
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>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>> From: Allen, HarryL  
>>> Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:42 AM  
>>> To: Manzanilla, Enrique  
>>> Cc: Zito, Kelly; Kao, Jessica; Higuchi, Dean; Harris-Bishop, Rusty;  
>>> Keener, Bill; Nattis, Randy; Tenley, Clancy; Hubbard, Secody; Yogi,  
>>> David  
>>> Subject: Re: List of R9 actions?  
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>>> EPA Region 9 Activities  
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>>> Background on Navajo impacts  
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>>> The discharge water plume was identified this morning entering the San Juan at confluence w  
Animas River.  
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>>> The discharge has yet to cross the Navajo Nation boundary, near Hogback, but Navajo officials have  
reacted quickly, assesing their water intake systems and issuing a precautionary "do not use" public  
service annoucement regarding tap water. Region 9 reached out to Navajo EPA officials and  
subsequently were requested assist w ambient river sampling in the San Juan River. The Navajo EPA  
surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water and sediment samples from the San  
Juan River Friday and Saturday - prior to the spill impact.  
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>>> NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water  
intakes.  
>>> DW intakes from feeder canals are not expected to be impacted but were closed as a precaution. A  
third intake in Mexican Hat UT is off line.  
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>>> Staffing  
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>>> Region 9 deployed 2 START contractors to coordinate and assist them with sample collection and  
lab services and will assist in creating a sampling Task Force with NNEPA, Navajo water agencies and  
potentially the Bureau of Reclamation.  
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>>> Region 9 also is deploying an OSC Rob Wise to Durango to coordinate Navajo sampling Task Force  
updates and results with the Region 8 incident command post and will ensure command messages get  
back to Navajo officials in this early phase of the response.  
>>>  
>>> OSC Randy Nattis will deploy to the Navajo Nation in Farmington on Monday to coordiante additional  
field activites. Other Region 9 staff may assist with these roles including a drinking water expert perhaps.  
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>>> Region 9 will also delopy a Public Information Officer (PIO) Rusty Harris-Bishop to participate in a  
Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango, with and other the affected Federal, State, County  
and Tribal agencies.

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>>> CIC Secody Hubbard should be deploying Sunday to Farmington.  
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>>>> On Aug 8, 2015, at 11:54 AM, "Manzanilla, Enrique" <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>>> Kelly:  
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>>>> We will send you something shortly.  
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>>>> Enrique  
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>>>> From: Zito, Kelly  
>>>> Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2015 11:26 AM  
>>>> To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Allen, HarryL; Kao, Jessica; Higuchi,  
>>>> Dean; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Keener, Bill  
>>>> Subject: List of R9 actions?  
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>>>> Do we have a single list yet of all of the R9 activities, personnel, sampling, planned meetings. etc.  
we are doing on response? It will be useful for the press updates, for the HQ call, and Navajo and  
Congressional calls...  
>>>> Thanks-  
>>>> Kelly  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone